

Loko language

Loko, or Landogo, is a Southwestern Mande language spoken by the Loko people, who primarily live in Northern Sierra Leone. There are two known dialects, *Landogo* and *Logo*, which are mutually intelligible. Ethnic Loko outnumber native Loko speakers due to the linguistic encroachment of Temne and Krio and urbanization to Freetown, where Loko is internally and externally seen as a low-prestige language.^[3]

Citations

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Loko	
Landogo	
Pronunciation	/læn.dɔɣɔ/
Native to	Sierra Leone
Native speakers	140,000 (2006) ^[1]
Language family	Niger–Congo - Mande - Western Mande - Southwestern Loko
Dialects	Landogo Logo
Writing system	African reference alphabet
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	lok
Glottolog	loko1255 (http://glottolog.org/resource/anguoid/id/loko1255) ^[2]

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